Assistance for Coconut Cultivation

1996. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance had been provided to the State for coconut cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the hectares of land under coconut cultivation and production of coconut during the last three years; year-wise and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details of funds released by the Coconut Development Board during the first three years of Seventh Plan are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

State/ Union Territory	Funds released
Andhra Pradesh	15.569
Assam	3.124
Bihar	1.646
Goa	5.285
Gujarat	2.262
Karnataka	87.711
Kerala	145.347
Madhya Pradesh	2.061
Maharashtra	3.953
Orissa	55.709
Tamil Nadu	33.465
Tripura	12.774
West Bengal	4.227
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.096
Pondicherry	0.091
TOTAL :	374.320

(c) State-wise details of land under coconut cultivation and production of coconut during the last three years are as under :—

State/Union Territory	Area (Thousand Hectares)			Production (Million Nuts)		
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	47.1	47.4	48.1	194.5	195.8	198.8
Assam	7.5	8.0	8.0	52.0	54.3	54.3
Goa	22.1	22.9	22.9	106.3	106.3	106.3
Karnataka	200.5	205.6	207.7	1037.2	1062.0	1072.4
Kerala	687.5	704.7	683.8	3453.0	3377.0	3068.0
Maharashtra	10.6	7.0	7.0	99.3	81.2	81.2
Orissa	24.9	27.6	27.6	124.4	134.9	134.9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tamil Nadu . . .	139.9	149.6	171.9	1537.3	1494.5	1423.3
Tripura	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.1
West Bengal . . .	15 3	17.0	17.0	169.7	186.6	186.6
Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . .	20.8	28.7	28.7	96.6	33.8	33.8
Lakshadweep . . .	2.8	2.8	2.8	23.5	24.0	24.6
Pondicherry . . .	1.6	1.6	1.6	16.9	17.8	18.1
TOTAL ALL INDIA :	1183.3	1225.6	1229.8	6912.8	6770.3	6640.7

Campaign through media agents contrabands

1097. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to undertake a campaign through T.V., Radio and other Government medias against the use, possession and trading of foreign goods especially contrabands, as is done in the case of drugs etc.; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether presently any such drive is undertaken through T.V.; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the AIR Stations as part of their social education programmes broadcast programmes, slogans etc. for discouraging the craze for foreign goods and explaining the illegality in the purchase and possession of contrabands goods. The Field Publicity Units of the Dte. of Field Publicity are screening documentary, namely, 'Be Indian, Buy Indian'. The Song and Drama Division also highlights the themes through its programmes. Doordarshan also gives wide publicity to seizure of contraband goods through News Bulletins.

Widening of Shahdara-Loni Road

1098. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2835 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether widening of the Shahdara-Loni Road is proposed to be done upto 150 feet;

(b) whether it is a fact that M|s. Prabhat Construction Company, to whom tender for widening of the said road was awarded, is raising the level of the road, instead of widening the same; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work awarded to M|s. Prabhat Construction Co. is both for widening of the road as well as raising its level where it is low lying.

(c) Does not arise.